GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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SHORTAGE OF DWELLING UNITS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) shortage of dwelling units in urban areas in the country;

(b) the estimated increase in Eleventh Plan period; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to deal with the situation during Eleventh Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): According to the estimations of the Technical Group constituted by the Ministry for assessment of the urban housing shortage at the end of the 10th Five Year Plan,the total housing shortage in the country is 24.71 million. During the 11th Five Year Plan period,the total urban housing requirement including the backlog and additional requirement is estimated as 26.53 million dwelling units.

(c): In order to address the issue of housing shortage,the first urban area-specific housing policy titled the National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy(NUHHP),2007 has been formulated,which was laid on the Table of both Houses of the Parliament on 7.12.2007.The Policy seeks to set in motion a process for providing `Affordable Housing for All`, particularly for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and the Low Income Group(LIG) through various types of public-private partnerships.

Apart from NUHHP, 2007 the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission(JNNURM) launched by the Government in the year 2005 caters to provision of housing and basic services to urban poor in 63 specified cities under the submission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP),and in other cities and towns under the Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme(IHSDP).Further,a provision of Rs.30 crores has been made in the current financial year 2007-08 to provide interest rate subsidy on housing loans to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and the Low Income Group (LIG) under a new scheme.